

STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR
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“Mississippi is excited that when Toyota decided it would build the Prius in the U.S., the company chose our state. The Prius is the leading hybrid car in the world; it is the environmental car of the future, and it is appropriate it will be built at Toyota's model environmentally-sustainable plant in Blue Springs.

“While the decision to manufacture the Prius in Mississippi means a delay in opening the plant from spring to fall 2010, it's worth the wait. Mississippi thinks long term and in the long term this is a grand slam home run.”

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